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HEARS OPPONENTS OF HETCH-HETCHY

Senate Gives Another Day to Debate on San Francisco Water Proposition.

Washington, D. C., December 5.—Opponents of the bill to allow San Francisco to obtain water supplies from Hetch-Hetchy Valley held the floor most of to-day and tonight in the Senate. The debate will be resumed to-morrow after an agreement is reached to vote no adjournment.

Senators Griggs, Borah, and Lane spoke against the measure, and Senator Smith of Alaska gave a brief statement outlining his reasons for supporting it.

Senator Borah made a general argument against the project, declaring that to allow San Francisco to obtain water from Hetch-Hetchy would injure the Indians built up by years of labor in the seminary near the valley. The speaker said Senator Borah declared it was true a short time since the national parks had been set aside for the benefit of the entire country. He characterized the project as one which would result in the distribution of the natural resources of the country.

Senator Lane, the first Democrat to speak against the bill, said that the \$9,000,000 gallons of water a day which, under the bill, would be drawn from Hetch-Hetchy would mean 900 gallons a day for each of 18,000 persons in San Francisco. The speaker said the city doesn't need the water, if

there is a water-power proposition because this bill I don't know just where.

Business Ahead of Last Year. New York, Dec. 5.—John Chaffin, head of the United Dry Goods Company, with stores throughout the United States, declared to-day that situation at present

while the dry goods business is ahead of last year, it is hard to tell about the future, which depends on Washington.

If they give the railroads a little more time, they'll rate, said Mr. Chaffin. Everything will be all right.

There is no trouble about the money needed to build the new headquarters building on the assembly grounds.

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This resolution is as follows:

"In view of the embarrassment incident to the development of young people's work under several separate and independent agencies, the North Carolina Conference, especially memorializing general conference, convening in May, 1914, to consider favorably the proposal that all the work of religious instruction and training of the young people of our church be placed under the administration of one board.

Heavy Expenditures. It has been estimated that in addition to the salaries of the three active bishops and one supernumerary bishop of the church and six widows of bishops, which amounts to a total of \$60,000 a year, \$2,000 a year is expended by the churches in salaries for the secretaries of the various departments of the work the past year amounting to more than \$70,000.

The sentiment is strong in the church in favor of centralizing the work of the departments under fewer secretaries, but this does not mean to merge the work of the departments. The extension of missions and other work means increase of contributions to support the same, and those who favor the reorganization of secretaries advance the argument that the same amount of work can be accomplished with less expense and more money will be available for the interest represented.

Election of Delegates. The election of delegates to the general conference was begun this morning. This conference is entitled to five clerical and five lay delegates, and the first ballot for lay delegates resulted in the election of W. H. Thompson, C. S. Wallace of Roanoke City, and W. E. Cooper of Wilmington.

The second ballot for lay delegates was cast, but the result will not be announced until Saturday morning, and the result of the first ballot for clerical delegates will not be announced until that time. It is expected that Rev. N. T. Ivey, D. D., editor of the Christian Advocate, the official organ of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, who is a member of the conference, will lead the clerical delegation.

It is rumored that the North Carolina Conference will follow the precedent of the Virginia Conference regarding the other clerical delegates to be elected, and that one or two circuit preachers will be chosen.

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Washington Gets Next Conference. In answer to minute question forty-eight, "Where shall the next session of the conference be held?" four places were mentioned—Washington, Goldsboro, Durham, and Winston-Salem.

When the vote was taken Washington was selected as the place of meeting for the conference of next year.

A class of ten undergraduates received into full communion in the conference, a class of five deacons was advanced to the class of the fourth degree, and two members of the conference were sent to the committee on conference relations for the superannuate relation.

A telegram of greeting was received from Bishop John C. Kilgo, who is presiding this week over the Arkansas Conference, and the secretary of this conference was authorized to make suitable reply.

The anniversary of the conference board of education was held this evening.

Rearrangement Granted. Washington, D. C., December 5.—The Interstate Commerce Commission to-day, on its own initiative, granted a rearrangement in the so-called tap line case. It will be heard in January.

Delay Outlining Program. Washington, D. C., December 5.—Antitrust legislation will receive no detailed consideration before the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee until after the passage of the currency bill. The committee decided to delay outlining a general program until the Senate has completed its long daily sessions.

DENIES CHARGES OF PROFIT-MAKING

Dr. Cannon Says Southern Assembly Project Is Not Real Estate Scheme.

CRY FOR CENTRALIZATION

Resolution Presented to Conference Concentrating Secretarial Forces.

BY MAMIE BAYS.

Carroll, N. C., December 5.—Dr. James Cannon, Jr., member of the Virginia Conference, and superintendent of the Southern Assembly, to-day addressed the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He spoke first of certain rumors which had been circulating regarding the assembly, and which he declared to be false. These rumors, he said, had been in other conferences than this, and not until the carmen had included himself in the rumor that certain individuals of the stockholders of the Southern Assembly were exploiting that enterprise for the purpose of making money for themselves.

He said he informed the carmen that he brought against Bishop James Atkinson, John B. Pepper, prominent layman of Memphis, and George G. Sturz, a well-known agent of the stockholders in the assembly, but only since coming to the conference had he learned that the same charge had been made against himself. He declared that he was innocent of the charge regarding himself and the other men named, and said the Southern Assembly is being operated in the interest of the church, and for the purpose of making a living for any man selected.

He stated also that not one of these men had owned any of the property purchased for the assembly, although the carmen had made and he said that so far as Bishop Atkinson was concerned, neither he nor his sons owned any of the land purchased. He said he had examined the title to every piece of land purchased and found none of the parties included in this charge had owned any of the land before it became the property of the assembly.

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Dr. Cannon then said that the repetition of this charge would be slander against the church, enterprise, and against the individuals against whom the charge has been made.

He explained that the charter of the assembly is such that no stockholder can receive more than 7 percent dividend therefrom.

He urged this conference to follow other conferences in the purchase of ground at the assembly and the erection of a permanent headquarters building thereon.

T. N. Ivey presented a resolution recommending the appointment of a committee to have charge of the matter of the erection of a permanent headquarters building on the assembly grounds.

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